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SUMMARY: IN VIEW OF THE GENERALLY CONFUSED AND SOMEWHAT
EMOTIONAL EUROPEAN REACTION TO THE "NEUTRON BOMB," WE
RECOMMEND THAT:

. -- ALLIES BE PROVIDED WITH FACTUAL AND BALANCED
INFORMATION WHICH WILL ASSIST THEM IN DEALING WITH THEIR
PARLIAMENTS AND PUBLICS;

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. -- THOSE ALLIES MOST DIRECTLY AFFECTED BY A DECRODUCE AND DEPLOY
ENHANCED RADIATION WEAPONS BE CON-
SULTED IN ADVANCE; AND

. -- NATO NPG PERMREPS BE OFFICIALLY INFORMED IN
ADVANCE OF ANY PUBLIC PRESIDENTIAL ANNOUNCEMENT TO PROCEED
WITH PRODUCTION/DEPLOYMENT.

END SUMMARY.

1. IN REF A, WE SUGGESTED THE CIRCULATION OF A BACKGROUND PAPER TO OUR NATO ALLIES IN ORDER TO PUT THE "NEUTRON BOMB" ISSUE IN PERSPECTIVE AND TO PROVIDE THEM WITH MATERIAL WHICH THEY MIGHT USE IN DEALING WITH THEIR RESPECTIVE PARLIAMENTS AND PUBLICS. WE SEE ADDITIONAL NEED TO PLAN FOR APPROPRIATE ORCHESTRATION WITH OUR ALLIES OF THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF A DECISION ON PRODUCTION WHICH THE PRESIDENT HAS SAID HE PLANS TO MAKE SHORTLY AFTER AUGUST 15.

2. WE BELIEVE IT PARTICULARLY IMPORTANT TO INFORM THE NATO NPG PERMREPS BEFORE ANY PRESIDENTIAL DECISION IS ANNOUNCED PUBLICLY. WE HOPE THE BACKGROUND MATERIAL SUGGESTED ABOVE WOULD BE PROVIDED PRIOR TO THAT TIME. BUT, IF NOT, WE SHOULD MAKE SUCH MATERIAL AVAILABLE AT THE TIME WE INFORM THE ALLIES. IT ALSO WOULD BE HELPFUL TO INCLUDE ANY RELEASABLE INFORMATION ON SOVIET ACTIVITIES IN THIS FIELD.

3. IN ANY PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT WE BELIEVE IT IS IMPORTANT TO MAKE A DISTINCTION BETWEEN PRODUCTION AND DEPLOYMENT. WHILE A PRODUCTION DECISION IS A UNILATERAL PREROGATIVE WHICH WE SHOULD PROTECT, THE SENSITIVITY OF THE ISSUE WILL MAKE CONSULTATIONS ESSENTIAL WITH ALLIES ON WHOSE TERRITORY
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ENHANCED RADIATION (ER) WEAPONS MIGHT BE DEPLOYED. IN DEALING WITH A PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT TO PROCEED WITH PRODUCTION, IT WILL BE NECESSARY TO TAKE ACCOUNT OF THE ASSUMPTION THAT MANY OBSERVERS WILL FEEL FREE TO MAKE, THAT PRODUCTION IMPLIES THAT DEPLOYMENT ISSUES HAVE BEEN RESOLVED. IDEALLY, SUCH ISSUES SHOULD BE SETTLED BEFORE A PRODUCTION DECISION IS TAKEN, SO THAT US AND ALLIED GOVERNMENTS CAN DEAL UNIFORMLY AND CONSISTENTLY WITH RESPECTIVE PARLIAMENTS AND PUBLICS. IN THIS CONNECTION, WE ARE MINDFUL OF US POLICY TO NEITHER CONFIRM NOR DENY THE PRESENCE OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS IN PARTICULAR COUNTRIES. IT MAY BECOME NECESSARY TO WORK CLOSELY WITH OUR ALLIES TO IMPLEMENT THIS POLICY IN RELATION TO DEPLOYMENT OF ER WEAPONS.

4. FINALLY, IN PREPARING PUBLIC AND ALLIED HANDLING OF THE PRESIDENT'S DECISION ON ER WEAPONS, WE SUGGEST THAT WASHINGTON MAY WISH TO SOLICIT VIEWS OF OUR EMBASSIES IN NATO CAPITALS ON ANY ASPECTS WHICH MIGHT BE APPROPRIATE TO STRESS IN PARTICULAR COUNTRIES. PEREZ

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